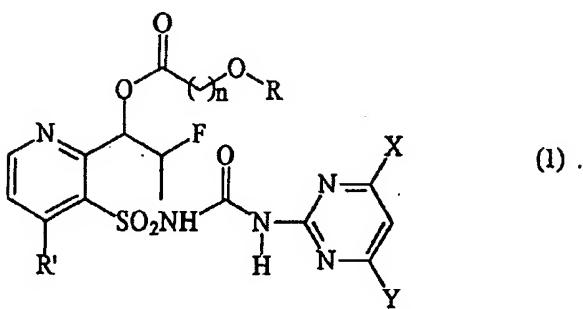


Claims:

1. A pyridine sulfonyl urea derivative of the following formula (1):



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in which

n denotes an integer of from 1 to 3,

R represents H or C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R' represents H, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₃-haloalkyl, halogen, or C₁-C₂-alkoxy, and

10 X and Y independently of one another represent C₁-C₂-alkyl, C₁-C₂-alkoxy, C₁-C₂-haloalkoxy, or halogen, salts or stereochemical isomers thereof.

2. The derivative of claim 1 wherein n denotes an integer of 1 or 2, R represents H or methyl, R' represents H, halogen or methyl, and X and Y each represents methoxy.

15 3. The derivative of claim 1 wherein n denotes an integer of 1 or 2, R represents methyl, R' represents H, Cl, Br or methyl, and X and Y each represents methoxy.

4. The derivative of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

20 N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-2-(2-fluoro-1-methoxy acetoxy-n-propyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;

N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-2-(2-fluoro-1-hydroxy acetoxy-n-propyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;

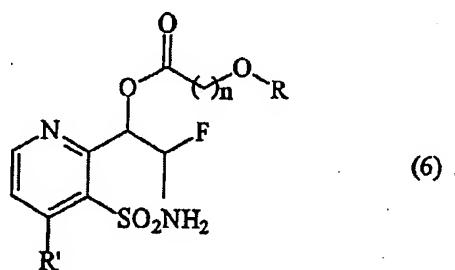
N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-2-(2-fluoro-1-(3-hydroxy

propion)oxy-n-propyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
 N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-2-(2-fluoro-1-(3-methoxypipropion)oxy-n-propyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
 N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-4-methyl-2-(2-fluoro-1-methoxyacetoxymethyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
 5 N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-4-chloro-2-(2-fluoro-1-methoxyacetoxymethyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide; and
 N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-4-bromo-2-(2-fluoro-1-methoxyacetoxymethyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide.

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5. ~~The derivative of claim 1 which is present in the stereoisomeric form of erythro.~~

6. A compound of the following formula (6):



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in which

n, R and R' are defined as in claim 1.

7. The compound of claim 6 which is 2-(2-fluoro-1-methoxyacetoxymethyl)pyridine-3-sulfonamide.
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8. A process for preparing the compound of formula (1) as defined in claim 1 characterized in that a compound of the following formula (6):